

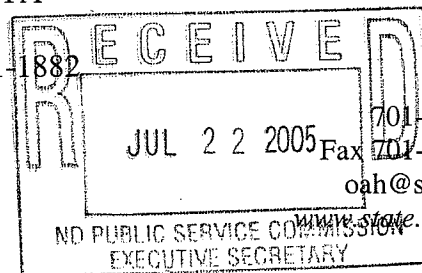


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Re: Case No. PU-05-47
PPM Energy, Inc.
Rugby Wind Farm-Pierce County
Siting Application
OAH File No. 20050268

Case No. PU-05-305
PPM Energy, Inc.
230 kV Transmission Line
Siting Application

Dear Counsel:

I have spoken with the Pierce County Auditor regarding arrangements for the hearings of the captioned matters on July 29, 2005. It appears that the only facilities available at the Pierce County Courthouse for the hearings is the district court room. I believe that those facilities will be adequate for the hearing, except that it appears that it may be difficult to ensure a good record of the hearing by audio tape recording using the equipment that is available to me. You should consider that a tape recording in the circumstances which I anticipate for the hearings is certain to be occasionally unintelligible because of a speaker's distance from a microphone, manner of speaking, tone of voice, *etc.*, and that the use of multiple microphones such as I have will unavoidably result in occasional extraneous noise which will mask a speaker.

I will plan to make a record of the hearing by audio tape recording as best I can, but I advise you that if it is essential to have a complete and accurate record of the hearing you should plan to have a record of the hearing made by a court reporter.

Sincerely,

Al Wahl
Administrative Law Judge

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